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For: ARC WELDING METHOD)

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The listed documents were previously submitted and/or cited in a prior application, Application No. 09/869,018, filing date October 29, 2001, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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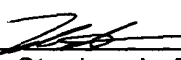
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